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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Cheng et al.

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Plant Transformation Method

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated 28 February 2000. A request for a Three Month Extension of Time is being filed simultaneously herewith to render this Amendment and Response timely filed. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

*A1*  
In claim 1, line 4 of the claim, after the word "component(s)" please add to produce an Agrobacterium-inoculated explant--.

In claim 3, line 2 of the claim, please delete the words "limitation or."

Please add the following new claim:

*A2*  
17. (new) ~~The~~ method of claim 1 wherein the conditions for co-culture comprise limiting the addition of moisture to the Agrobacterium-inoculated explant wherein the weight of the explant is reduced by not more than 50%.

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-16 remain pending and new claim 17 has been added.

Section 112, second paragraph, rejections